

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information search system includes a similarity calculating block for forming a summary word list as a summary of a search request and calculating a similarity between the summary word list and a search target document and a restricting condition examining block for examining a restricting condition of the search target document and applies these two blocks in this order or its opposite order, thereby the system can search for documents which satisfy the restricting condition and are similar to the search request examining restricting condition upon execution of associative search yields much higher efficiency than applying them sequentially.